



# Task Force on Elected Representation

Proposed Approach – July 9, 2019

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- **Eleven members**
  - One appointed by each Commissioner
  - Three invited/dedicated seats
    - Academic resource, Grand Rapids Democracy Initiative, Empower the Citizens
  - Balance appointed by the Mayor
- **Representation that reflects community diversity**
- **Ex-Officio staff membership**
  - Clerk, CMO, Law, Fiscal Services



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- **Topics for consideration/deliberation**
  - Odd/Even Elections
  - Primary election issues
  - Single-member districts and/or expanded City Commission representation
  - Special election vs. direct appointment on vacancies

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- **Structured proceedings**

- Secure knowledgeable third-party facilitator
- Task Force convenes in August, 2019
- Task Force elects chair and vice-chair
- Meet every three weeks, including one community meeting in each Ward that is open for public input
- Report back to Commission no later than 12/17/19, to include recommendations along with fiscal, operational and electoral impacts

# Next steps

- Adopt resolution
- Appointments due by July 23, 2019
- Staff will identify facilitator(s) and coordinate contacts, logistics and schedules for initial meeting